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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to authorize the President to reduce or disapprove any appropriation or authorization of new direct spending in any bill presented by Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEARNS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The President may reduce or disapprove
5 any appropriation or authorization of new direct spending
6 in any bill, order, resolution, or vote, which is presented
7 to the President under section 7 of Article I.

8 “SECTION 2. Any legislation that the President ap-
9 proves and signs, after being amended pursuant to section
10 1, shall become law as so modified.

11 “The President shall return those portions of the leg-
12 islation that contain reduced or disapproved appropria-
13 tions or disapproved authorization of new direct spending
14 with objections to the House where such legislation origi-
15 nated.

16 “Congress may separately consider any reduced or
17 disapproved appropriations or disapproved authorization
18 of new direct spending in the manner prescribed under
19 section 7 of Article I for bills disapproved by the Presi-
20 dent.

21 “SECTION 3. This article shall take effect on the first
22 day of the first session of Congress beginning after the
23 date of ratification.”.

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